

# Attack of Bronchitis Keeps Griff at Home---Johnson Sticks to Cuba---Clubs Go South

## GRIFFITH NOT TO OFFICIATE AT BIG TRACK MEET TONIGHT

"Old Fox" Is Confined to His Room With Severe Attack of Bronchitis and Cannot Be Present.

Baseball Players Who Go to Charlottesville Tomorrow Rapidly Assembling at Ebbitt House.

Because of a painful attack of bronchitis from which he is suffering at his home in the Northumberland, Clark Griffith will be unable to act in the capacity of inspector of the course at the Georgetown track meet tonight. The manager has been suffering from a severe cold for several days, and today it was announced that he has a full fledged case of bronchitis, and his doctor will not permit him to leave his room.

Mike Kahoe was in charge of the Washington baseball club's office, and at noon notified Director Charles Cox that the Old Fox will be unable to serve in the capacity he had promised at the Hilltoppers' track festival tonight.

The lobby of the Ebbitt House took on a real baseball aspect this morning. Joe Engel, Eddie Alsmith, Jim Shaw, and Mr. and Mrs. Danie Moore were all there ready to greet John Henry, he being expected to arrive at any minute. Eddie Alsmith can hardly wait for time to go to Charlottesville. The big backstop thinks Charlottesville the best training place in the world, and he is ready this minute to don his togs and take on any and all of the pitchers who are going South.

Alsmith had a good word to say for his boss this morning in the selecting of a training place for the Griffmen. "I think Charlottesville the best training place for any major league club," said Eddie. "The soil and lay of the land is such that it dries quickly, and when it is actually raining, we have a water-logged gymnasium to boot into. Then, when the teams get ready for the actual playing season, we don't have to become acclimated to an entirely different climate, like the clubs which go so far South must."

Six major league ball teams are today en route to their training headquarters, and within a few days you fans will have the greatest kind of a feast over the news which is coming from the various camps regarding the development of the players.

Three big league teams were well represented on board the Apache, which sailed from New York this morning for Jacksonville, Fla. The Brooklyn National League team, the Phillies, and the Athletics made up the baseball party. The Athletics will remain at Jacksonville, while the Brooklyn will proceed by rail to San Antonio, Tex., and the Phillies to St. Petersburg, Fla.

The other teams which are traveling South today are the Chicago Cubs, who left the Windy City last night, the Indians, or Cleveland American League team, which goes to San Antonio, Tex., and the St. Louis Cardinals, which are en route to Hot Wells, Tex., by Miller J. Higgins.

Rip Williams, the Nationals' catcher, has asked permission to postpone next week, instead of tomorrow. A death in his family has taken him away from the Nationals, where he has been playing ball, to his home. Griff acceded with Williams' request.

San Johnson is today hurrying from San Francisco, where he has been on a week's vacation, to Chicago. The car of the American League is said to be planning a trip back to New York where negotiations may be opened up to secure Frank Baker for the Yankees.

Frank O'Day, former manager of the Chicago Cubs, is said to have denied that he had made application to the National League for a position as umpire. He says he wrote to President Tener, but not for a position. What he did inquire about was whether he still belongs to the National League or whether he is at liberty to sign with any other league in organized baseball. He wants to have this made clear to him so as to allow him to go to the Pacific Coast to officiate if he desires.

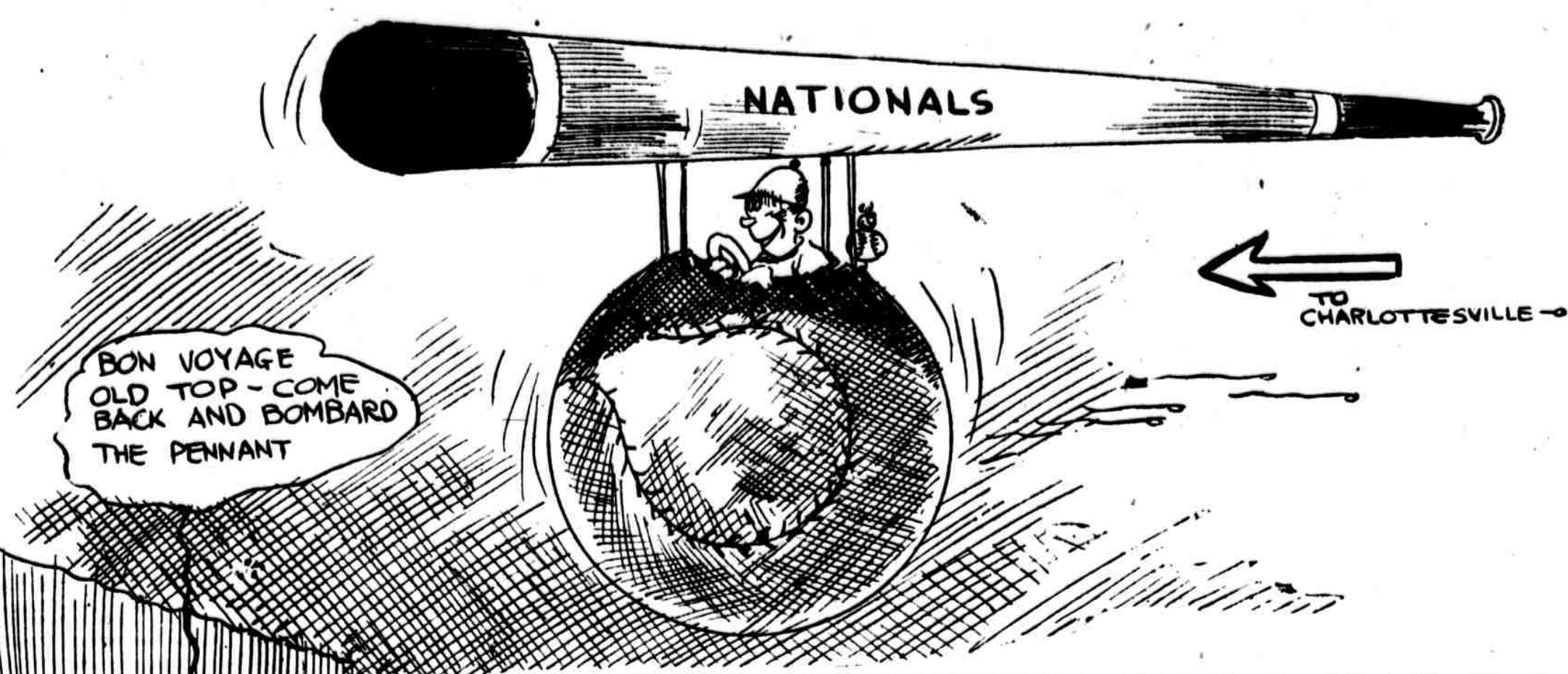
There is always some chatter in the Chicago dailies that the White Sox have not quite agreed to accept Clarence Hoyer, former first baseman of the New England League, next season. Young Hoyer was with the Athletics last spring, when he was dropped by Connie Mack, but he was dropped by a minor league team.

George Brickley, a brother of the famous Harvard football captain, has signed to play with Lawrence of the New England League, next season. Young Brickley was with the Athletics last spring, when he was dropped by Connie Mack, but he was dropped by a minor league team.

Tigers Get First Work on Monday

DETROIT, Mich. With a meagre half dozen Tiger youngsters in tow, Coach Sam McGuire headed for Gulfport, Miss., today to join Manager Jennings. Training and the other early arrivals at the training camp. The first work-out is scheduled for Monday.

## NATIONALS' ZEPPELIN IS LEAVING FOR CHARLOTTESVILLE



## YANKEES' REGULARS LEAVE TOMORROW

Captain Houston Makes Elaborate Plans for Carrying His Athletes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Business Manager Harry Sparrow has arranged final details for the departure of the New York Yankees' main squad for spring training at Savannah, Ga. Sparrow will be on the train with the team, leaving this morning at 10:30 a.m. for Newburgh.

Capt. T. L. Houston, secretary-treasurer and half owner of the club, is going along, and he is starting right. He has leased on the drawing room of the special car, but in a cubby way, for he will share the shrine with Wild Bill Donovan. The entire party, too, will travel in style on the Seaboard's best train, for the captain has made arrangements for all the big leaguers to bunk in lowers. He had to draft space in other cars to secure such deluxe accommodations.

Five players and Coach Duke Farrell will depart from this place. These are Ray Fisher, J. J. King, Paul Lewis, R. J. Kelly, and William Tamm. Kelly is a first baseman secured from Lowell, Mass. by the Yankees. Lewis is the semi-professional pitcher of the Boston Red Sox, who was traded to the Yankees last season. Tamm is a semi-pro catcher of the Boston Red Sox, who was traded to the Yankees last season. Fisher is a semi-pro pitcher of the Boston Red Sox, who was traded to the Yankees last season. King is a semi-pro pitcher of the Boston Red Sox, who was traded to the Yankees last season.

Yankees Get Fast Two Hours' Drilling

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 27.—Joe Kelley kept the New York Yankees players off the mountains yesterday, limiting the day's work to a rapid two hours' drill at Majestic Park. Sweeney, Nunnaker, Warhop, Keating, Brown, Cole and Caldwell have been bustling hard for the New York coach, with the result that they are rapidly getting in good trim. The bunting and batting practice at the yard was fast and the players got up the desired perspiration. At 3:30 o'clock they jogged into the Hotel Eastman and took their daily plunge into the hot water.

Catcher Oscar Stange, the Detroit catcher, joined Pitcher Jean Dubuc here today. He missed train connections at Union, which caused him a lavender of seven hours to that mythical Arkansas metropolis.

## PACKERTOWN STILL HOPES FOR CHARTER

Playing Schedule Will Undergo Slight Change Before It Is Approved.

BALTIMORE, N. Y., Feb. 27.—The Federal League moguls again took up the Kansas City injunction case when they met at 9 o'clock this morning, although the Baltimore team was not present. The Moguls are coming to the Capital to help in the organization of our chapter of the A. C. B. A., and will have much information to impart to the bowlers regarding the big tournament to be held in Baltimore, beginning May 1.

Planning a general trip throughout the East and South, Donovan is spreading everywhere the news of the uplift which the A. C. B. A. is going to give to bowlers and bowlers, and one of the principal missions which he has to perform is to straighten out that tangle which has occurred in Baltimore. The Moguls are coming to the Capital to help in the organization of our chapter of the A. C. B. A., and will have much information to impart to the bowlers regarding the big tournament to be held in Baltimore, beginning May 1.

Cleveland Team Is En Route to Texas

CLEVELAND, Feb. 27.—In charge of Manager Jimmy Birmingham, members of the Cleveland American League baseball team left for San Antonio, Tex., for spring training. Ten members of the squad, who left here, will be joined by others en route to the training quarters. Outfielder Harry Leibold, with whom Federal agents were negotiating yesterday, went south with the team.

Chicago Cubs Off For Training Camp

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—The Chicago Cubs left last night on their spring training trip to Tampa, Fla. Only eleven players, including Manager Roger Bresnahan, left from here, the others going to the training camp direct from their homes or joining the squad on route.

Loses First Place.

THACCA, Feb. 27.—Princeton College basketball team here last night by a score of 22 to 20, thereby forcing the Indians out of first place in the intercollegiate race and making very doubtful their chances for a high standing in the race for the intercollegiate championship.

Not the Same.

Callers—Princeton men, all, but is there another man in this building? Artist—There is not. There is, however, a man on the fourth floor who paints.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

## "Bugs" Baer Goes to Charlottesville for The Times

When the advance squad of Griffmen entrains for Charlottesville tomorrow, in its midst will be "Bugs" Baer, The Times humorist, who is going along for the express purpose of giving you fans all of the funny angles of life in a baseball training camp.

Baer's sketches and stories, done in his inimitable and original strain of wit, will be the best coming out of Charlottesville, and you students of the game cannot afford to miss a single word of his screamingly funny descriptions coming from the training quarters of the Griffmen. Baer's stories and cartoons will appear on this page every day for the amusement of The Times readers.

## HOPES TO JOIN TWO CITIES IN BOWLING

Secretary Donovan Will Help Baltimore Untangle Its Present Difficulties.

J. J. Donovan, general secretary of the Atlantic Coast Bowling Association, will be in Washington Tuesday of Wednesday of next week, according to a telegram received here today. Donovan is coming to the Capital to help in the organization of our chapter of the A. C. B. A., and will have much information to impart to the bowlers regarding the big tournament to be held in Baltimore, beginning May 1.

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Thirty-five Cars Start In Grand Prix Race

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—Thirty-five starters were in the grand prix automobile race over the Panama-Pacific International Exposition course today.

Bernard Loses.

"Ball" Montana, the middleweight rough-house wrestler, threw Tony Bernard, the local Italian wrestler, in two straight falls last night at the Majestic Theatre. He gained the first fall in fifty-four minutes and thirty seconds on a half-nelson and body hold, and the second fall came with a flying head hold in forty-four seconds. Pat O'Connor was the referee.

Cards Are Off.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.—Miller J. Higgins, manager of the St. Louis Nationals, accompanied by a dozen of his players, left tonight for Hot Wells, Tex., for the opening of the spring training season.

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## MINCE PIE "LITTLE OF EVERYTHING" By "BUGS" BAER.

Owing to the recent spy agitation, Griff is experiencing considerable difficulty in securing enough passports to take his team to Charlottesville.

Baseball managers aren't cheering because Frank Baker isn't going to play this summer. They're cheering because Frank Baker isn't going to bat this summer.

Jim Shaw is hoping that the Administration won't take advantage of his absence in Charlottesville and change its policies. Cleveland may get out of eighth place this summer. Prominent lawyers have declared that the ten-year clause is illegal.

As Joe Engel is going to take a hat to training camp this trip, Chick Gandil threatens to take along a high hat. Chick says both articles are superfluous.

Understudy for George McBride, who doesn't take up too much room on the bench.

With Walter Johnson pitching again for Washington, the job of being Vice President of the United States will take on added interest.

Think that Sister Susie might start sewing a few shirts for umpires.

Still, it's some consolation to know that Charlottesville isn't inside the mined area.

LAST NIGHT'S BEST BOWLERS

Faunce, Southwest Jrs. .... 178  
Whitberger, Commercial .... 146  
Brandt, Postoffice .... 135  
Baum, National Capital .... 133  
Griffin, Potomac .... 131  
Doing, Bankers .... 130  
Scheible, Northeast .... 125  
McLaughlin, Carroll .... 124  
Pheips, Fourteenth St. .... 122  
Kreiger, District .... 117  
Horen, Minas .... 116  
Rosendown, Reclamation .... 115  
Mess, Interconline .... 114  
Becker, Business Men's .... 114  
Lee, Columbia .... 111  
White, Terminal .... 110  
Lankford, Cubs .... 108

Comiskey Better.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the Chicago American League club, who was reported seriously ill in San Francisco, expects to be able to leave his bed today, according to the report received by Secretary Harbridge of the American League. His condition was said to be not as alarming as first reported.

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## ARMORE CLUB LET OUT IN AFFIDAVIT

Langdon's Manager Swears No One in Washington Knew of Substitution.

Substantiating its claim of absolute ignorance regarding the substitution of Danny Ferguson for Tommy Langdon in the Potomac Club, the Ardmore Club has secured an affidavit from James Peeney, manager of Langdon, to the effect that no one connected with the club, or as far as he knows, no one in Washington, knew that Ferguson was not the man who was scheduled to meet Andy Corley.

Here is the instrument, which is sworn to by Notary Public John R. Howell.

"Washington, D. C., Feb. 26, 1915. To Whom It May Concern:

"In justice to the promoters of the Ardmore Club and to the public, I feel it my duty as the one person who knows the absolute facts about the substitution of 'Danny' Ferguson for 'Tommy' Langdon at the Ardmore Club on Monday, February 22, 1915, to state that the club officials were in no way responsible for the substitution, were not informed by us, and were positively ignorant of the fact, until after the members were gone, and the boxers had received their commission, which was at least three-quarters of an hour after the bout was over.

"On Friday, February 19, about 9 p. m., I received a wire from Elmer Wilson from Washington, D. C., who was representing 'Tommy' Langdon in that city, asking me to send him a boy to take Langdon's place. I had informed Wilson on Friday morning that Langdon was in no condition to box, and that it would be impossible for him (Langdon) to appear. I therefore wired 'Danny' Ferguson to meet me in Philadelphia, which he did, and I brought him to Washington. We met Wilson at the Hotel Terminal, and he immediately took us to Benning, and told us to keep the matter quiet about this boy not being Langdon, as he thought that no one here knew him by sight, and that he wanted to save a forfeit money. We worked Ferguson out on the track, and got him to the required weight, and weighed in at 133 at noon on Monday. We were purposely late in arriving at the club, for fear that some one would recognize Ferguson, but we got the boy in the ring and worked him to the entire satisfaction of the club members, and were not recognized until after we had gotten our commission. However, his boy Ferguson put up a great fight, and I think he is entitled to a bout with Lowe or any other good boy at his weight.

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of February, 1915.

(Seal.) JOHN B. HOWELL, Notary Public in and for the District of Columbia.

Junior League May Be Formed in City

There will be a meeting on Monday night for the managers of all teams averaging seventeen years for the organizing of a junior league in the city. Instead of Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, according to Manager Mahoney, of the Brookland A. C., who is now acting chairman.

Man Made Over.

"He is a self-made man, he is not a made man. He is not a made man by his wife and her mother."—St. James Gazette.

## COLUMBIA FOOTBALL NOW SEEMS SURE

Five Years' Trial Recommended by Committee on Student Organization.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Football for Columbia is strongly recommended by the University committee on student organizations in a report to the University council which was made public yesterday. The students on the campus were bubbling over with excitement after the contents of this report became known, and there now seems little doubt that a Columbia eleven will be seen on the intercollegiate gridiron next fall. All that stands in the way of the actual reinstatement of the sport is the approval of the faculty of the college department. A committee has been formed to confer with this body, but it will not report until next month.

The committee on student organization, which will have the final say on the petition of the undergraduates and the alumni for the restoration of the game, advocates that a five-year trial of this sport be made at the university, subject to the regulations framed in the resolutions of the committee, have disappeared and that it seems no good reason at this time why the sport should not be restored to the Columbia campus.

The resolutions which have been adopted by the committee provide that no games shall be scheduled with the teams of the larger Eastern colleges. It further advocates that all games be played on college grounds and on Saturdays and holidays, that the coaches be members of the department staff, and that the student board guarantee the authorities against any pressure to change the regulations adopted within the five-year period. These resolutions meet with the hearty approval of the students, and it is thought will pave the way for putting football on a sound and permanent basis at the university.

The university committee on student organizations will have the final vote on the petition for the reinstatement of the game. Its action in abolishing the sport in 1906, however, was taken with the approval of the university council, and, therefore, there is no lack of that body to act in co-operation in the consideration of the petition.

## JOHNSON WILL NOT LEAVE CUBAN SOIL

Not Very Enthusiastic About Meeting Willard at All—Ignores Curley.

HAVANA, Feb. 27.—Judging from Jack Johnson's actions and words today the negro has not the slightest intention of going to Juarez and fulfilling his contract to box Jess Willard. If the fight here is held anywhere it will be right here in Cuba, according to every indication.

Johnson is not very enthusiastic over the idea of meeting Willard at all. His remarks today indicate that any boxing he does will be with Jeannette, McCoy, or Curley. His action in abolishing the sport in 1906, however, was taken with the approval of the university council, and, therefore, there is no lack of that body to act in co-operation in the consideration of the petition.

Jack Curley's cablegram, saying that he is on his way here to interview the big black, is being discounted by Johnson, who does not seem to care when Curley arrives or where he arrives at all. It has been said that Johnson will fight with the various local promoters, who continue to remark that Johnson's first boxing will be for them.

Bowling Schedule For Monday

Saengerbund—Wagners vs. Glucks. Keane Council—Chancellors vs. Redders. Southern Railway—Mechanical vs. Managers; Tie and Timber vs. Bookkeepers; Treasurers vs. Law. Capital City—Jewels vs. Haveners. Departmental Tenpin—War vs. Interior; Agriculture vs. Bureau. Bankers—Metropolitans vs. Second. National Capital—Potomacs vs. Y. Westminister—Reds vs. Blues; Greens vs. Whites. Terminal—Freight vs. Auditors. Andrews—Stationary vs. Paper. District—Jeds vs. Garriersons. Southeast—Va. Ave. vs. Nortons. Navy Yard—West Gun vs. Breach Mechanics. Fraternities—Delta vs. Omicron. Departmental Duckyin Commissioners vs. Aggies; Marines vs. War. Masonic—King David vs. Columbia. Commercial—Woodworth & Lothrop vs. Pego. Bepco—Purchase vs. Arc. Mt. Pleasant—Cliftons vs. Highlands. Business Men's—Parker Bridget vs. Rudolph West. Arcade—Bankers vs. Hess. Carroll—Pintas vs. Genoa; Columbias vs. Ninas.

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## GENERAL EXODUS OF PLAYERS FROM N. Y.

Robins, Phillies, and Athletics All Get Away From Gotham on Apache.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Baseball tomsars—veterans and buhners—of three clubs made their start for southern training camps from this city today. Apache, which sailed at 1 o'clock for Jacksonville, where the Athletics are to train.

The Phillies will go from Jacksonville to St. Petersburg, Fla., by rail and the Robins will go to Daytona. The Apache is due at Jacksonville Monday morning. Manager Pat Moran and Iode Parker were the only veteran Phillies who made the trip here by water. Jack Martin, who went from the Braves to the Phillies last year, joined the party here. The other members of the Phillies' delegation were: Catchers Adams, O'Connor, and Fish; Pitcher Mattison; Infielder Fletcher and outfielder Weiser. The other players will go direct to St. Petersburg by rail.

W. J. Shethline, veteran business manager, was in charge of the Phillies party. Trainer Mike Dee, William G. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Isominger and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kingmore also left on the Apache.

The Athletics party, which left here today, consisted of Von Ohl, business manager; John Shibe, Emory Titman, Joe Ohl, Joe Bush, Rube Bressler, catcher; Wyckoff, Hamilton, and outfielder Weiser. The other players will go direct from their homes to the training camp by rail.

## OLD RIVALS MEET AT ROYAL TONIGHT

Sherman and De Oro Are Hooked Up in a Three-Cushion Carom Match.

Alfred De Oro may have his winning streak broken tonight when he tackles Frank Sherman at the Royal in a 30 game match at three-cushion carom. During the week De Oro has beaten Frank Hinkley, Walter Wallace and Capt. Charles Hepburn.

De Oro and Sherman are old rivals, having met many times in pocket billiards matches. De Oro is a regular at the Royal and has been in the season at pocket billiards and Sherman got the bugle on De Oro. The match tonight should bring out some exceptional work.

Captain Hepburn proved easier picking for De Oro last night than was expected. The score was 22 in favor of De Oro. Walter Wallace has made the best showing to date in the matches at the Royal and there is every indication that Wallace and De Oro may be gotten together again.

Rain Keeps Giants Cooped Up All Day

MARLIN, Tex., Feb. 27.—The house party of Giants in Marlin was such in reality yesterday. All the fine weather was washed away by rain. The players were out in the morning for a while, but weren't out at all in the afternoon, when the rain fell steady. In the morning, while there were only occasional showers, Kinelsa had the troupe at the ball grounds, but as the field was wet the only baseball was bunting to squad of three and four to keep them busy. Passing the medicine ball and running completed the program.

For those catfish who are over weight the morning session was as good as anything they could have done. The youngsters started to use a heavy iron ball, but there was no help for it, and the preceding days had been put in so profitably that the loss of one could be made up.

They will be in good shape to slip into the regular practice, which begins next Monday.

Kinelsa was to have divided his guests into two factions tomorrow and play a short game. They have had sufficient preparation, but it looks like a wet field again tomorrow.

Devotion.

She—Would you leave your home for me?" He—Id leave a baseball game in the ninth inning with the score a tie. —Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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